

December 20/Day 354

1 Peter 1

Verses 1-2

- Who wrote this letter and to whom?
- Remember, Peter was made minister to the Jews/Jewish believers. Could this be why he considered his recipients aliens in these places?

Verses 3-9

- Through what are we born-again?
- How are we protected?
- When will our salvation be revealed? We have been saved, we are being saved, and we will be saved.
- What was going on with these believers according to verse 6?
- When you are minting gold through a fire, you will have a “proof”. What is the proof of our faith?

Verses 10-12

- Who were the prophets serving and what did they predict?

Verses 13-16

- How do we prepare our minds for action?
- Because we are His children, to what will we not be conformed?
- What is written? Is this something we try harder at, or is this something that’s available for us to choose because His Spirit is within us?

Verses 17-21

- If a person is kidnapped, we would use money to buy them back. With what are believers redeemed?

Verses 22-25

- Again, he contrasts the perishable and the imperishable.
- What will endure forever?

1 Peter 2

Verses 1-3

- If you remember the patterns of life verses, and Romans in regard to being a slave of sin, you will know that unbelievers really don't have a choice. Believers have a choice in which to choose the good available to us through His Spirit.
- If we have truly tasted the kindness of the Lord unto salvation, how should we long for the word? What is it like?

Verses 4-5

- We know Jesus is our cornerstone, what kind of stones are believers?
- What are we being built into?

Verses 6-8

- Why do men stumble over the gospel?

Verses 9-10

- What does He say about believers?
- What is our purpose?
- What did He call us out of and what did He call us into? Who calls us?
- Based on what we have seen in previous books, can we come to Him unless of until He calls us to Him?
- What have we received? Can you earn mercy?

Verses 11-12

- From what were they to abstain?
- Why should they keep their behavior excellent?
- Is there any application for us?

Verses 13-17

- What happens when a believer submits to authority?
- Does this contradict acting as free men?
- How were they to treat all men?

Verses 18-20

- Peter also is not advocating for slavery. He is speaking to the times in which they find themselves and to how a believer should behave in this situation.
- How does a believer act in faith when suffering unjustly?
- How does he reason this out in verse 20?

Verses 21-25

- For what purpose had they been called? Why? Keep context, suffering.
- How is it possible to die to sin and live to righteousness? This is Peter writing, but had Paul spoken of this?

1 Peter 3

Verses 1-6

- In what same way? What was he last talking about?
- To whose husband is a wife to be submissive?
- How can obedience to God in the marriage relationship be a testimony to the husband?
- He can be won without what? Remember this, nagging doesn't help.
- He says "merely external" in regard to her appearance. Is this similar to what Paul said?
- How does Peter use Sarah as an example? Think back to Genesis, did Sarah have a mind of her own?

Verse 7

- How is the man to respond to his wife?
- How can he show her honor? Would this be easier if she wasn't nagging him?

Verses 8-12

- How does Peter sum up his teaching on behavior?

Verses 13-22

- What are we when we suffer for the sake of righteousness?
- Do you think he mentions fear and intimidation in regard to the persecutions he mentioned earlier?
- What should the believers be always ready to do?
- In what way were they being persecuted according to verse 16?
- How many times was it necessary for Christ to die for sin?
- What was put to death and what was made alive?
- How many were saved in the days of Noah? Is there a warning for us in this?
- He is not saying water baptism saves us, that is just a picture of the death and resurrection. It's the being identified with Him in his death, pictured by baptism that saves us.

1 Peter 4

Verses 1-6

- Why are they slandering and maligning the believers now?

Verses 7-11

- What is near? Is it even more near now?
- What covers a multitude of sins? What do you think he means?
- What is the purpose of spiritual gifts?
- Is it possible to speak and work in all ways as unto God?
- Amen means “so be it”.

Verses 12-19

- Of what should they not be surprised?
- He uses the word “fiery”. What does this imply in regard to the persecutions they were experiencing?
- Is it shameful to suffer as a Christian?
- Where does judgment begin, in the world?
- How does one “obey” the gospel?

1 Peter 5

Verses 1-5

- What is Peter’s exhortation to the elders?
- What was their shepherding to look like?
- How were they not to shepherd?

Verses 6-11

- In what way are we to present ourselves to God? I’ve heard we are to bring our best before Him. Is this what Peter says?
- What can we cast upon Him because He cares?
- Who prowls around? Like what? Seeking what? You mean, he’s here on the earth and not in hell?
- What four things will God do after they had suffered a little while?

Verses 12-14

- Who was aiding Peter?
- Who is with him that he refers to as his son?
- Do you think Peter is a lot like Paul? Different? What did you observe?

See you tomorrow.